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for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated May 21, 2002,  
please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

**FURTHER SEQUENCE IDENTIFIER AMENDMENT**

Please further amend the specification, at page 63, by  
replacing the paragraph at lines 7-12 with the following:

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For the PCR amplification for plasmid pKSA, the  
following synthetic oligonucleotides were used as mutagenic  
primers, one containing a PstI site and the other a HindIII site:  
5' -GATGGCCTGCAGGCTGCCCCGGCGGTGTGAGCA- 3' (SEQ ID NO: 50) and 5'  
-GCCGAAGCTTGAGACCCCCGCCCCGGCGCGGTCTGC- 3' (SEQ ID NO: 51)

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 39, 50, 52-54, as follows:

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52-54*  
39. (Twice Amended) A method of making a polyketide by  
culturing the microorganism of claim 27 wherein said  
microorganism is an actinomycete.